

Diedra A. Garcia

Ms. Garcia is a part owner of DRG Construction Corp., a commercial general contractor in Lakewood, Colorado. A family-owned business since 1993, DRG employs 33 people and has strong relationships with dozens of subcontractors in the metro area. DRG was recently named the 2nd fastest growing minority business in the state by Colorado Biz Magazine with total revenues jumping from \$7 million to \$11 million last year.



In addition to day-to-day operation of the business, Ms. Garcia is responsible for strategic planning, management of the company's assets and investment strategy, development of personnel programs, personnel management, contract administration, development of marketing programs and construction project management.

A resident of Lakewood, Ms. Garcia is a graduate of West High School in Denver and Regis University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree with an emphasis in Human Resources Management. She volunteers regularly at Notre Dame Catholic Church and School.

Ms. Garcia's alternative business is Clairbridge Properties, LLC, specializing in commercial real estate development, where she is the managing broker. She was also employed at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado as a human resources team leader and spent ten years at the University of Colorado at Denver as a human resources area manager.

On June 30, 2002, Governor Bill Owens announced the appointment of Ms. Garcia to the State Personnel Board for a term of five years expiring June 30, 2007. On March 12, 2003, she was appointed to the Governor's Commission on Civil Service Reform. Ms. Garcia is also chairman of the Board of Directors of Pinnacol Assurance (formerly Colorado Compensation Insurance Authority), the state's largest provider of workers compensation with \$1.4 billion in invested assets. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, where she chairs the Business and Economic Development Council.

Ms. Garcia was recently honored by the Denver Business Journal as one of Colorado's most influential business leaders, in "Forty under 40." In addition, Ms. Garcia was selected by the US-Spain Young Leaders Program in 2002 to be part of a delegation of ten American leaders to visit Spain in an effort to foster positive trans-Atlantic relations.